



## Stewards 2020 Post Racing Season Report

May 15 thru May 22

Friday, May 15, was the first day of work for Steward Robert Colton for the 2020 racing season. Safety Steward Eric Coatrieux had started back to work March 16 to coincide with the 2020 opening of the barn area. No other Stewards have returned to work at the time of this report.

Each day started with Covid-19 protocols before entering the Stewards office. These included a temperature check at the horsemen's office, wearing of wristbands, using hand sanitizer and washing hands extensively.

After thoroughly cleaning the Stewards office, the first week was spent completing State of Delaware mandated employee training, reviewing Steward procedures and reviewing the file system, both hard and electronic copies. Worked closely with Executive Director Sarah Crane and Administrative Specialist Kadijah Smith in reviewing the procedures and file systems. It will be mandated going forward all electronic files generated by the Stewards and their admin will reside on a network drive in that everyone will have access to these files. All Steward computers were checked, with one needing to be updated by DTI, which an individual picked up from and returned to the Steward office.

Reviewed with Director Crane State of Delaware compliant letterheads using the State seals. A draft letterhead was sent by Director Crane to Michael Scuse, the Secretary of Agriculture, which was approved. Compliant letterhead templates were created and distributed. All DTRC license applications were brought to compliance, additional acknowledgement sections were added, and fillable PDF versions were created. The jockey consent to treatment and release of Private Health Information were removed from the license application and are being added to a separate Jockey Addendum form. The acknowledgements added are as follows:

**Owners acknowledge:** "As a licensed owner, I give my consent and authorize my veterinarian and/or trainer to provide the medical records of any horse I own that is claimed, sold or otherwise transferred to the new owner or their designee with seven (7) days of the ownership change of the horse."

**Trainers acknowledge:** "I have complete the Mandatory Continuing Education Requirements for a trainer license, and will completed all required Trainer CE will my license is active."

The following meetings were attended via telephone:

May 12, Mid-Atlantic Crop Rule Working Group  
May 15, Mid-Atlantic Crop Rule Working Group  
May 20, Delaware Jockeys Health and Welfare Benefit Board  
May 20, Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission  
May 21, Mid-Atlantic Crop Rule Working Group

Rulings for the following individuals were issued:

01-2020 Randy Nunley, Trainer. Trainer license rescinded in lieu of an assistant trainer.  
02-2020 Andrew Simoff, Owner. Failure to obey facility Regulations, \$100 fine.  
03-2020 David Neilson, Owner-Trainer. DTRC appeal of Stewards Ruling 131-2019, reduced the suspension from six-months to thirty-days and maintain the \$1,000.00 fine.



Contacted jockey Alex Cintron concerning a seven-day suspension for careless riding from an appeal of Stewards Ruling 82-2019 which the DTRC had upheld. Mr. Cintron was informed a decision as to when the suspension will start will be made once all Stewards are back working.

DTRC license applications were reviewed. The following were worth noting:

Manuel Chaves applied for a jockey license. He had not ridden a race since 12/27/2018. Mr. Chaves was issued an exercise license which will be rescinded in lieu of a jockey license when he is scheduled to ride a horse in a race.

Donna Peck applied for a jockey license but did not have a current physical. Surrounding clinics were contacted but none were providing physicals due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Ms. Peck was issued a jockey license with an understanding she will need a physical prior to riding a race. Annual jockey physicals are required per DTRC rules, but this could be problematic due to there is no doctor at Delaware Park and health clinics are not providing physicals at this time due to the pandemic.

There was a discussion with Director Crane and the Stewards concerning Covid-19 protocols for Stewards during live racing. Director Crane asked the Stewards to vie the Steward Stand and to consider what changes will be needed to social spacing. Jeff Ganc, head of Delaware Park security, was contacted for clearance for the Stewards to go into the grandstand to view the Stewards' stand next week.

There were several telephone contacts. Most calls were concerning licensing and Covid-19 protocols. I informed callers Covid-19 protocols for live racing had not been released but protocols will be provide prior to the start of live racing.

Stewards  
Eric Coatrieux  
Robert Colton